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Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 7:52 AM

To: Talis J (LAW) Colberg; John Katz

Cc: Larry Persily

Subject: Bridge to nowhere Fw: Bridge

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To: Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
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Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 4:09 PM

To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Bridge Builders remarks

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 3:54 PM
To: John Katz; Larry Persily
Subject: Fw: follow up on call from Gov.

Thanks, both of you, for your input on B2N earmarks. Just had another Outside reporter call to ask opinions on our image throughout nation.

Both of you have great insights and can help us get to a better place, image-wise, in this country. Thanks!

I called Rep Young. Even he isn't defending Gravina so much anymore, but is still passionate about Knik.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 15:08:20

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: FW: follow up on call from Gov.

FYI

From: Price, Jeremy [mailto:Jeremy.Price@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 2:36 PM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: follow up on call from Gov.

Mike, Gov. Palin spoke with Congressman Young this morning about her concerns regarding funding for the Minneapolis bridge tragedy. Please inform the Gov. that Congressman

Young's friend and colleague and the new chairman of the House Transportation Committee, James Oberstar of Minnesota, rushed a bill through the Committee today that would take $250 million from the general treasury rather than the Highway Trust Fund to go towards the Minneapolis bridge reconstruction. Coincidentally, when Congressman Young was the chairman of Transportation, he and Congressman Oberstar made an emergency account for situations like this in the SAFETEA-LU highway law. Unfortunately, tragedies like the bridge collapse in California have drained the emergency funding from that account. So, please let the Gov. know that Congress will be sure that the folks in Minnesota will be taken care of.

Thanks,

Jeremy

Jeremy Price

Legislative Assistant

Congressman Don Young

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 3:41 PM
To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: First Class travel

We'll keep leading by example - surprised anyone would even ask if they could book full fare - they need to be efficient with use of public funds. And i'd hope they already knew that.

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From: "Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)" <annette.kreitzer@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 15:11:54

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: First Class travel

Governor:

I may have misunderstood, and perhaps read more into the situation early on, but it seemed you made a statement about not flying first class and I believed you wanted Commissioners to take that to heart.

With that in mind, and with the following statute, I need some policy direction from you. I have bolded the most relevant parts, but you need to read it in context, of course.

Sec. 39.20.140. Travel costs and travel outside the state.

(a) The Department of Administration may not pay an official or employee for per diem or transportation costs unless the travel is clearly necessary to benefit the state.

(b) The Department of Administration may not reimburse an official or employee or pay for more than the lowest tourist class fare for the most direct route unless

(1) tourist class accommodation is not available;

(2) waiting for tourist class accommodation would occasion a delay harmful to the state; or

(3) the Department of Administration finds that travel by tourist class accommodation is not in the best interest of the state, and authorizes other accommodation.

(c) When the Department of Administration authorizes more expensive travel under (b)(3) of this section, it shall file a justification for that authorization with the travel

voucher. When fares other than tourist class are authorized under (b) of this section, the Department of Administration may not reimburse the official or employee or pay for more than the lowest first class fare available.

(d) Officials and employees are authorized to travel only the least number of days necessary to transact the business involved, to secure return passage, and to return.

(e) Every official and employee shall, unless otherwise authorized by law to travel outside the state, obtain prior approval for travel outside the state from the head of the official's or employee's department or from an immediate supervisor, or from the Department of Administration if the official or employee is not within a department or is not under the direct supervision of an official or supervisor. If an employee deviates materially from the travel authorized under this section, the employee must obtain approval for the deviation from the person who approved the travel before the Department of Administration may reimburse the employee for the travel.

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When I fly coach, I have been telling people (it comes up) that since the Governor flies coach, the Commissioners fly coach. Apparently, this is not the case. I have a request from one department in front of me for the Commissioner, Deputy and another employee to have all flights booked full fare so that they can be upgraded to first class. As I read the above statute, that is inconsistent. It also seems inconsistent with the appearance you have tried hard to give of us not being "government insiders." It is difficult to travel frequently, I'm sure you are well aware, but I don't think it gives us a "right" to be in first class seats as a result of booking full coach fares.

We all need the tools to do our jobs and there are some who have medical issues who might need a first class seat, but in general, when we all fly first class, I have to ask what that says to the other Alaskans on the plane.

If you want Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners to get waivers for upgrades, I will sign them, but just need a little guidance here.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 3:03 PM
To: Savland; Monica L (GOV)
Cc: Frye; Ivy J (GOV)
Subject: FW: Legal_and_lawsuits

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2007 10:23 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Legal_and_lawsuits

Web mail from: Scott Egger

address: PO BOX 39097 Ninilchik AK 99639

(907) 567-3253

MESSAGE:

Attention "IVY" (Ms. Palin's aid) and/or Gov. Palin, --- Ivy, I spoke to Gov. Palin in May of 06 in Ninilchik at the Senior Center there. And again at the Seward 'train wreck' in August for her pre-election get together. I spoke to both of you briefly about serious wrongdoing within the City of Seward. I had serious concerns of illegal and unethical behavior by City of Seward officials. In Nov-December my wife and I went to the FBI office and Dept of Labor fraud division in Anchorage to report certain events that we saw happening in Seward. We reported on names that are now coming up on a regular basis on talk radio and the news. My whistleblowing activities seem to have resulted in my termination from employment, loss of health care, blackballing from former employers that I had worked for on numerous occasions previously, the neccessary sale of my home there that we had just remodeled because the City filed a lawsuit against my property after firing me, and needless to s!

ay, enormous stress on my wife and I. This has all been maliciously done by certain specific individuals in control of the City's administration to stop me from opening up public govt files. At one point I was actually assaulted in the 4rth degree by the Ass. City Mngr. for asking for a certain document. I have to ask you, do we not expect the Rule of Law to be followed by City officials? I have given Ivy documents months ago. I have been to the FBI with information. I have emailed numerous times and been to the Dept of Labor Fraud Division. I have yet to hear back from anyone. The corruption, cronyism, nepotism, kickbacks,etc is rampant in Seward. It is, and has been one of the prime feeding troughs for dirty money. Especially Federal money. The City officials attack and destroy anyone who questions them and reward employees to the point of looking the other way for their illegal activities -like selling cocaine out of the City vehicles during working hours. I witnessed it.!

I have pics of cocaine in the City truck. Where is the rule !

of law? The man involved now has my old foremans position. How can this be? I am still trying to resolve my situation with the State Dept of Labor over what the City and their

insurer did to me. I implore Gov. Palin to support me by ordering full scrutiny over my situation with the Dept of Labor fraud investigation and the Dept of Work Comp. I have another hearing with the Work Comp Dept next Monday, Aug.6th. Gov't, -local, or other level, can not be allowed to abuse their position of power like they have against myself and to a lesser extent, others. I stuck my neck out, never believing things could actually go this far without SOMEONE saying...Whoa, whats going on here? Where is the help for the regular working man and citizen of Alaska who was just doing his job and keeping an eye on his public officials? Please respond to this email. The Seward citizens and my family need your help. Scott Egger- Ninilchik, Ak. 99639 phone567-3253

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 12:21 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Subject: Re: interview and special session

They haven't been told by me - let me ask Tibs what he's relayed to leggies thus far.

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 12:19:57

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: interview and special session

Governor -

Have lawmakers been notified of your upcoming PPT announcement? I don't want them to find out through the media advisory - I HAVEN'T SENT IT YET! Please advise.

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Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 12:06 PM
To: Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA)
Subject: Re: Pam Weaver

Pls give her this addy. Thanks A!

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From: "Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)" <annette.kreitzer@alaska.gov>

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To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Pam Weaver

Governor:

Pam Weaver spoke to you at the Wasilla picnic about intercessory prayer. She said you gave her an email address to contact her. I've known her for years, so she felt comfortable calling to see if I could give her the address since she didn't write it down when you two spoke.

Is this email address the one you wanted to give her or was there another email address? I'm happy to pass it on to her - I believe her email is:

akstork@aol.com, but am not certain. I am double-checking but in the meantime, didn't want to waste time - she asked me several days ago for your email address.

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Subject: Here is the text of the letter/response to Harris

August 2, 2007

The Honorable John Harris

Speaker of the House

716 West 4th Avenue, Suite 300

Anchorage, AK 99501-2133

Dear Speaker Harris:

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to your May 7 letter offering your support and cooperation with regard to matters related to the Petroleum Profits Tax (PPT). It was a pleasure reading that we are on the same page regarding the need to revisit PPT this year.

As you requested, I looked into the process in which the PPT was adopted, and I directed the Department of Revenue to review the implementation of PPT. Examination of the public records associated with the public corruption probe and indictments surrounding the passage of PPT last year provide sufficient evidence to conclude that the outcome of the PPT vote was a result of undue influence. In the interest of maintaining the public integrity of our tax system, the legislature should revisit PPT as soon as possible.

Attached is a status report on the performance of PPT to date recently completed by the Department of Revenue. As you can see, the performance of our new production tax law has fallen short of the goals and objectives touted by its proponents last year. Not only is the new tax resulting in far lower tax receipts than was originally estimated, the investment incentives incorporated into the new system have proven less valuable to explorers than was predicted when the bill was passed. This is unacceptable. Declining North Slope oil production is the most critical revenue issue facing Alaska today. It is imperative that the state provide incentives to explorers to take the risks necessary to discover new sources of oil production.

Having reviewed the process leading up to the adoption of the PPT as well as its performance, I am left with no other conclusion than to remain committed to call a special session.

This is no time for politics and rhetoric. Rather it's time for good, sound policy that puts the interests of Alaska first. We can ill afford to undervalue a nonrenewable

resource such as oil. However, if care is not taken, we jeopardize our long-term prosperity. I am confident we can work together to develop a law that balances an appropriate share of revenue generated from our petroleum resources with an attractive investment climate.

No doubt, there will be critics to whatever proposal is put forward and as we both know it is easy to posture and find fault. However, it will take real leadership committed to find the right solution for the long-term. I urge you and all your colleagues in the Legislature to join me in showing Alaskans that we can demonstrate leadership by working together for the common good of our state.

With these thoughts in mind, it is my intention to call a special session of the Alaska State Legislature on October 18. I have directed the Department of Revenue to prepare a proposal to respond to the substantive deficiencies with PPT. I expect a proposal ready for release to the public by September 4. This will provide more than 40 days for the public and legislature to become familiar with the proposal before the special session begins.

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Sincerely,

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Subject: Pam Weaver

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Pam Weaver spoke to you at the Wasilla picnic about intercessory prayer. She said you gave her an email address to contact her. I've known her for years, so she felt comfortable calling to see if I could give her the address since she didn't write it down when you two spoke.

Is this email address the one you wanted to give her or was there another email address? I'm happy to pass it on to her – I believe her email is: akstork@aol.com, but am not certain. I am double-checking but in the meantime, didn't want to waste time – she asked me several days ago for your email address.
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From: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=AEKREITZER]

Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 3:12 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: First Class travel

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From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JRBALASH]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 10:41 PM
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Correct

Gov:

We will have a report from Pat outlining some of the deficiencies of PPT as it has been implemented. It is attached. There is a chart/graph in the report that we will have blown up for the press conference, too.

We are working on talking points for you (and him) to use tomorrow morning.

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 10:31 PM

To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Rutherford, Martha K (DNR); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Correct

Sharon- would u correct with Steve Quinn the fact that I've only traveled outside once since session ended? He wrote online (will be printed tomorrow) that I've spent my time traveling out of state during the interim. The correction is I was in Michigan for the two days before traveling to Kuwait, but otherwise have been wrking from Anchorage and traveling within the state.

Also, ktuu made it sound like we'll have details on sp sess tomorrow, incl location and incl Pat's analysis. He's not ready to reveal findings on that, nor propose solutions yet, so tomorrow's messaging will have to be well thought out. We also dont have location chosen yet either as fairbanks and Anchorage will hopefully be competing for the session (Kris spoke with mayor whittaker on this, I haven't heard yet if anything was decided from their conversation and/or other conversations with the Capt Cook in Anchorage...).

I'll cc the others so they can help with messaging for tomorrow. I will focus on taking up Speaker Harris' request to revisit ppt back many weeks ago and the reasons he gave then as to why leggies need a sp session.

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To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: FW: follow up on call from Gov.

FYI

From: Price, Jeremy [mailto:Jeremy.Price@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 2:36 PM
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: follow up on call from Gov.

Mike, Gov. Palin spoke with Congressman Young this morning about her concerns regarding funding for the Minneapolis bridge tragedy. Please inform the Gov. that Congressman Young's friend and colleague and the new chairman of the House Transportation Committee, James Oberstar of Minnesota, rushed a bill through the Committee today that would take $250 million from the general treasury rather than the Highway Trust Fund to go towards the Minneapolis bridge reconstruction. Coincidentally, when Congressman Young was the chairman of Transportation, he and Congressman Oberstar made an emergency account for situations like this in the SAFETEA-LU highway law. Unfortunately, tragedies like the bridge collapse in California have drained the emergency funding from that account. So, please let the Gov. know that Congress will be sure that the folks in Minnesota will be taken care of.

Thanks,

Jeremy

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